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## PUBLICATIONS BOARD:

# COUNCIL GIVES IN

by Ellen McKeough

The establishment of a neutral Publications Board to administer the Daily's finances was passed unanimously at last night's Council meeting. Both Daily and Council members were pleased with the decision to take financial authority over the Daily budget away from Council and give it to the Board.

The recommendations are currently in the form of a by-law instead of amendments to the Students' Society constitution as originally suggested by the Committee to investigate relations between the Daily and Council.

By-laws of the Constitution can be amended by the Students' Council, subject to ratification by Senate, while changes to the Constitution must go to a referendum of the entire student body before going to Senate.

VP University Affairs Neil Wiener, a member of the committee that drafted the Publications Board proposals, introduced the proposals to Council in by-law form, instead of as amendments to the Constitution as originally

planned, because there were not enough councillors present to approve constitutional change. Under the current constitution, by-laws require a two-thirds affirmative vote of the full Council (16), while constitutional changes require the approval of three-fourths of Council (18). Sixteen councillors were present.

Daily Managing Editor Jennifer Robinson did not support the decision to accept the Committee's proposals in the form of a by-law because it is too easy for Students' Council to change them. "The problem, of course, and something we wanted to avoid, is that since the Publications Board has only by-law status, Council by a two-thirds vote can change anything it wants without having to consult students beforehand."

The first three clauses of the committee's recommendations, dealing with the general powers and principles of the Board and its composition and working procedure, were accepted by Council last week as constitutional changes. That meeting lost quorum before all of the committee's recommendations could be voted on.

By-law 12.4, which Council passed last night, calls for the Publications Board to set the StudSoc's subsidy to the Daily. StudSoc Treasurer Phil Gertler at first threatened to block passage of the proposal, saying "I didn't vote for it last week and I won't vote for it now, so it dies." As there were only 16 councillors present and the minimum number of affirma-

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## Diff Fees

There will be a meeting for those interested in opposing the differential fee structure, in room 302 of the Union today at 1 pm. We previously announced that the meeting would be held in room 310. This meeting is organized by a group of McGill foreign students and is open to everyone.

## Gaz Metropolitain:

# Strike set for next week

by Marc Cassini

Contract negotiations between Gaz Metropolitain and its employees have reached an impasse and, according to union spokesperson Fernand Valliquette, a strike has been set for next Wednesday. Gaz Metropolitain provides heating fuel to 175,000 low- and middle-income Montreal-area homes.

Last week, 80% of the firm's employees mandated their union executive to take any necessary measures — including strike action — to ensure the signing of a new collective agreement.

Since then, workers and company officials have met with provincial conciliators without reaching an agreement. The employees are demanding a one-year contract with provisions for a 17% wage in-

crease. Gaz Metropolitain's most recent offer calls for a 6% raise. The workers currently earn \$6.82 per hour based on their last collective agreement which expired last September.

Following the strike vote, Gaz Metropolitain invited union representatives to a meeting during which the company intended to iron out the extent to which "essential services" (such as gas leak repairs) would be maintained by striking workers. "It's evident that Gaz Metropolitain doesn't want to settle the dispute," says Valliquette. "The company would rather negotiate essential services than sit down to negotiate a new contract."

Valliquette adds that Gaz Metropolitain will probably profit both financially and politically by leaving its workers with

no alternative but to strike. "There have never been any real negotiations from the start," he states, "because company officials have refused to look beyond Anti-Inflation Board guidelines and have assumed that workers have an obligation to maintain essential services."

While union representatives claim that essential services will be maintained, they warn that their maintenance may not be sufficient to repair gas leaks which occur more often during spring than at any other time of the year.

The workers are calling on their employers "to negotiate in good faith and to respond to their demands before the strike date "in order to avert what would be the fourth work stoppage by Gaz Metropolitain employees since 1969.

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# SEMAINE INTERNATIONALE DES FEMMES

This issue of the Daily is dedicated to today — International Women's Day. If this issue inspires you to actively participate in the event, there will be a demonstration leaving Parc Lafontaine this evening at 7:30. The march was called by various Montreal-area feminist groups and a number of provincial trade unions to support abortion on demand, the right of day care and paid maternity leaves.

## Sexist rag ires women

**SASKATOON (CUP)** — The University of Saskatchewan's women's directorate is mounting a concerted campaign against a sexist paper published by the campus engineering students society.

The paper, the Red Eye, according to editor Glenn Par-

ker, contained "the best from 13 engineering papers across Canada." It included a graphic depicting the "perfect woman" as legs, breasts and pubic hair, a parody of the Peanuts comic strip showing Linus raping Lucy, and columns calling for such things as "an open season on faggots."

The women's directorate has written to the paper's advertisers explaining the nature of the paper, held open meetings to discuss the paper and urged that colleges dominated by women break off all co-operation with the engineering society.

Although more than 100 people have filed individual complaints against the paper, the student union quashed a directorate attempt to file a group complaint against the paper with the provincial human rights commission.

The engineering society has apologized for the content of the paper, admitting that "maybe we went a little too far."

Parker has said he is surprised by the "violence" of the reaction against the paper, and attempted to justify its degradation of women by saying "we degraded a lot of other people as well." Mostly themselves.

Women's director Vicki Bar-

clay says the attitudes of the engineering society have not changed at all.

Barclay, who has received threatening telephone calls since leading the campaign against the Red Eye, adds: "We shall continue the fight against rampant sexism on this campus — of which the Red Eye is just one manifestation."

At McGill earlier this year, the Women's Union began a campaign against sexism in the engineers' Plumber's Pot, however, the Pot has not changed its policy on the treatment of women in its pages. Engineering student newspapers across the country are notorious for their sexist and exploitive attitude toward women. In many cases, campaigns to put an end to student-funded sexism have failed because of lack of support.

**WEEKLY ELECTIONS**...today at 5 pm, in the Weekly Office. All staff members are eligible to vote.

Also, there will be a regular Weekly meeting, immediately following the elections, in the Office. The big fulfilled final issue, and the possibility of a joke (ha, ha) issue will be discussed.



**Working women:****Confront burden of home and job**

**NEW YORK (CUP)** — The double burden on working women — work inside and outside the home — must be alleviated by international standards, national legislation, education and mass-media campaigns, according to a United Nations report.

Despite a global increase in the number of women taking full-time jobs outside the home, the assumption still persists among men and women that a woman must remain a full-time homemaker, according to the report presented by Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim.

And the health of many married women who work at full-time jobs is suffering because their husbands don't share household chores, according to Waldheim.

Waldheim said that women in France suffer nervous strain because of their constant movement from home to work, school and so on, while West German working women also suffered increased health problems.

His report added: "As reported in information received from Singapore, many women have either to get up much earlier than men or else stay up late so as to complete their work. This necessity makes it difficult for women to fulfill their dual role effectively and, in some cases, their strength is undermined by the attempt to do so."

Unless husbands pull their weight in child-rearing, the health of young children of working mothers also might suffer, Waldheim said.

He said there seemed to be a correlation between educational standards and attitudes toward the division of labour.

"Where both husband and wife are educated, the need to share housework tends to be more readily accepted. On the other hand, however, it has been observed that professional men, politicians, executives and other white-collar working men find it difficult to share in household duties owing to what is considered the demanding nature of their work."

The report included a table supplied by the government of Finland showing the division of labour in typical households between men and women. It showed that women prepared dinner 85 per cent of the time, washed men's shirts and socks 80 per cent of the time, bought food 74 per cent, fed children 74 per cent, and did the daily cleaning 73 per cent of the time.

Waldheim said that most women are socialized to believe

that household work is part of femininity, and cited a report that 75 per cent of women surveyed in Denmark, where men's share of household work was minimal, expressed satisfaction with their husbands' participation.

He said society at large and governments should create conditions in which working women could be helped to combine their existing roles within a reasonable working day and without detriment to themselves or others.



Women at the University of Saskatoon are mounting a concerted campaign against a sexist paper published by the campus engineering students society. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

## Hiring laws banning sexism have proven ineffectual

by Andrew Porter

Over the past two decades many laws prohibiting job discrimination have been enacted so that discriminatory hiring practices would be eliminated and that job opportunities formerly denied to women on the basis of their sex would become more accessible.

Laws such as Quebec's Employment Discrimination Act in 1964, Alberta's Individual Protection Act in 1972 and British Columbia's Human Rights Code in 1973 were designed to, among other things, eliminate discriminatory hiring practices. These laws really changed the discriminatory hiring practiced against women by corporations, universities and government?

Comparisons between men and women's wages show quite clearly that the gap between their respective pay rates have not been breached. In fact, the gap has widened.

Average annual earnings for women was \$4,785 and \$8,646 for men in 1971. In 1977, women earned an average annual salary of about \$7,600 while men's wages were over \$12,500.

In some Canadian universities male professors earn as much as 25% more than their female colleagues and for white collar jobs in government, commerce and marketing women earn 4% less than men do.

Women make up approximately 40% of the labour force,

and yet less than 10% of professionals are women. In the US, only 4% of lawyers are women and less than 2% are dentists. Interestingly enough, in countries such as the USSR, women have a greater chance of becoming professionals. Lawyers and dentists are largely "female professions" in the USSR as they account for more

than 80% of the people employed in these two occupations.

However, even in countries where women get a chance to become professionals, there is a tendency for these professions to become over-saturated, resulting in working conditions and wages at a relatively lower standard.

## Job cutbacks hit women harder

**TORONTO (CUP)** — Job cutbacks are affecting women teachers more than men teachers, according to the Federation of Women Teachers Associations of Ontario.

In a March 1 submission to a provincial commission on declining enrolments, the federation called on Education Minister Thomas Wells to make a public statement against discrimination of women in the teaching profession, and asked school boards to publicly condemn discriminatory hiring practices and establish affirmative action programs.

The federation said in the brief the affirmative action programs would be needed "so that the rights of women are not ignored because of the crisis of declining enrolments."

The group said women teachers have been subjected to questions "which are not just in dubious taste, but also against the law: questions about birth control, marital status, child care provisions — questions which men are not asked."

The submission added: "The victims of these discriminatory hiring practices are reluctant to complain publicly, or to let the federation take their cases to

the human rights commission, because they remain hopeful of finding a job and do not want to be marked as troublemakers."

The federation said that in elementary teaching — jobs which have traditionally been held by women — there has been a 10 per cent increase in the number of men and a five per cent decline in the number of women in the past five years.

Although there hasn't been an overall decrease in the number of elementary and secondary classroom teachers, the percentage of women teachers has decreased from 75.2 per cent in 1972 to 71.2 per cent in 1976-77, the federation noted.

"While figures do not yet indicate great losses in teaching positions for women, the trend is significant and worrisome, especially given the historical experiences of women in times of high unemployment," it adds.

The submission also noted an overall decline in the number of principals, and of women in jobs leading to principalships. Women have lost more than half of the principalships that have disappeared.





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# Feminism should focus on economic issues

by Jennifer Robinson

Celebration of a long history of women's struggle is today's theme. However, the feminist movement's ideals, as well as the context of the movement, have shifted considerably since suffragettes demanded the vote at the turn of the century.

The need for women's labour both at home and at work produced tension which affected the structure of the family, women's bargaining position at work and the ideas women have of themselves. There is a conflict over sexuality and more liberal attitudes to sex which contain a threat to certain aspects of patriarchal control.

Sheila Rowbotham, in *300 Years of Women's Oppression and the Fight Against It* explains "... we suffer from past failures. There has been no working class revolution in the advanced capitalist countries. Socialist feminism hangs, suspended and fragile, in half forgotten memories. The wrenching apart of the socialist and the feminist movements which occurred from 1914 onwards has meant that the dominant political emphases in the feminist movement became either to seek admission for an elite of middle-class women into the privileges of the male ruling class or to attempt to reform capitalism gradually on behalf of working-class women."

Women's liberation has had the role of 'raising consciousness'. But despite the proclamations of solidarity, sisterhood and the optimism of the early '70s, we find ourselves today with little more than a few 'equal employment opportunity' laws that are only occasionally enforced. Our collective 'raised consciousness' has had no major impact on the basic structure of economic and political power in North America, or McGill, for that matter.

The 50th Anniversary of women's suffrage, August 26, 1970, was a memorable moment in the history of the women's movement as thousands of feminists marched in the streets. But since 1970, feminist radical and socialist activities have diminished both in numbers and effect, and have been replaced with a loosely connected network of women's groups offering band-aid solutions to real social problems.

Bookstores bulge with feminist bestsellers, and feminist newspapers spouting vague notions of middle class liberation have appeared and disappeared with monotonous regularity over the past decade. Liberation in the past few years has been equated with everything from "beating men at their own game" to getting a divorce or job, to lesbianism. Early radical feminists called for an economic and social revolution to combat male power. But since then the concept of the liberated woman has been transformed to mean the rejection of cultural

conditioning and the refusal to 'play traditional social roles'.

Rowbotham points out that "Changes in the capitalist economy after World War II appeared to satisfy the demands of the liberal and social-democratic feminists. Some reforms, like the increasing number of women in higher education and in new types of work, the improvements in welfare and the spread of contraception, did not come as a result of mass feminist struggle. They arose out of changes in the labour market, in the relationship of the state to the organization of production and through the population explosion. Ironically enough, the actual feminist movement became organizationally weak and theoretically bankrupt when those gains were being made. Single issue pressure groups for equal pay, abortion or homosexual law reform have turned out to be more effective."

Since it seems that revolution is not around the corner we have to count on reforms from above — reforms which actually serve to rationalize capitalist production.

Statistics show that although more women than ever before received college degrees in 1970, the percentage of female recipients (43%) was actually lower than in 1899 (53%). Women in many professions are earning considerably less than men in those same professions. The same situation exists in the federal public service, factories, or business offices. Rape laws still openly discriminate against

the victim. Abortion laws, although greatly improved over the past few years, are still inadequate. But these are only reforms.

Some profess that consciousness raising is having a direct impact on people's lives — the way they think of themselves, the way they think of sexual and emotional relationships, of marriage, families and careers — but at the same time they warn of the danger of the women's movement losing its social conscience. Sisterhood has already become a middle class affair — obsessed with orgasm, with

moving up the rungs of the corporate ladder and with marriage contracts. The emphasis has been upon getting more within capitalist social systems for particular groups and not upon how we can create a society in which all human beings can control every aspect of their life.

Working class women are quickly forgotten. Throughout history, it has been only too profitable for employers to refuse women equal wages and decent working conditions. This fact added to the age-old assumption that housework and

child care are the responsibility of women whether or not they work outside the home, leads to a vicious circle. Women generally see themselves as marginal workers. Unionized women soon discover that unions are dominated by men who often refuse to commit resources to organizing women and have even gone so far as to oppose women's right and need to work in conflicts with employers.

If feminism is to recover from its current malaise it must return to its militant roots and focus on the economic conditions that are the overriding concern to the great majority of women.

## Second Sex; a second look

by Daniel Boyer

No one could have foreseen that at the end of the Second World War, active feminism would resume its activity. Women were granted the right to vote through Western Europe and the advancement of women was wholly in bourgeois feminist hands.

In 1949, Simone de Beauvoir authored the *Second Sex* and this book's perspective renewed the contemporary analysis of the Women question. The *Second Sex* is an essay and, unlike Beauvoir's novels and autobiographical books, is a rigorous scientific work.

Beauvoir later explained that she became a feminist because "I desired to speak about myself, so I proceeded to write

on the woman question."

This genesis of the best-seller on feminism characterizes the whole book. The ethical and philosophical choices Beauvoir made are clearly explained and account for her feminist stance. When her father made a sexist remark at the beginning of her menstruation, Beauvoir felt the torment of being reduced to a passive object, and being submitted to the indifference of nature.

During the same period she lost faith in God. This loss of a comfortable crutch she once shared with her submissive mother taught her she had no recourse beyond herself. This was the starting point of a long way to authentic self-development. Beauvoir's childhood and adolescence prepared her for an existentialist outlook on life. Upon meeting J.P. Sartre, she joined the existentialist movement and became one of the notorious members of the Parisian café society which spawned the great French thinkers of the post-war era, like Camus, Gide, Malroux and others.

This existence was not the lot of all women, of course, and because Beauvoir never shared the conditions oppressing her contemporaries, she was given the necessary hindsight to arrive at a lucid analysis of that oppression. An observer once told her, "So you understood the condition of women because you yourself escaped it."

The *Second Sex* is a trial as well as an analysis. A complete and coherent analysis of the condition of women through history and a trial of patriarchal society, of male domination. Beginning with a few basic postulates, Beauvoir accumulates in over 1000 pages the most diverse facts which can be summed up as follows: women have always been kept away from decision making because men, objectifying themselves as solely responsible, always refused women possibilities of an autonomous

existence. "One is not born a woman, one becomes a woman" according to Beauvoir.

The originality of the *Second Sex* rests on the book's synthesis of all available material on the condition of women in the human and pure sciences. The documentation marshalled by Beauvoir is immense and whereas the information was totally up to date in 1949, it remains valid in 1978.

Beauvoir was one of the first authors to challenge Freud's vision of women. If she agrees with the methods of psychoanalysis, she condemns Freud on his propositions such as penis envy and castration complexes.

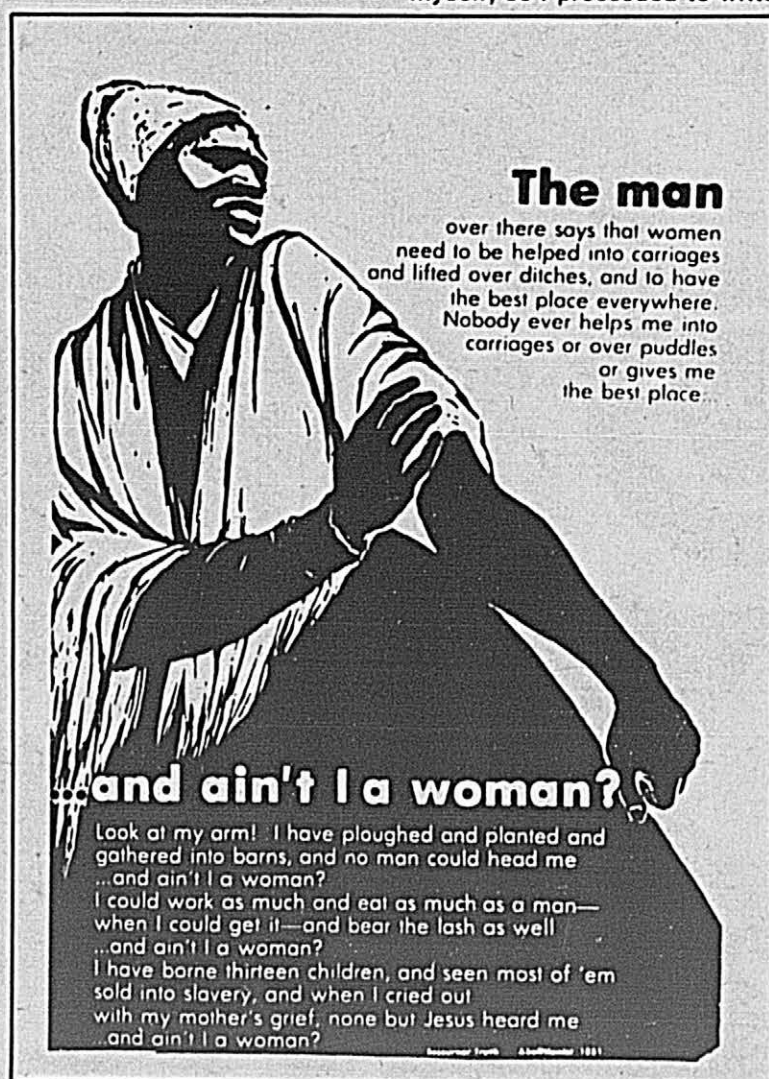
She claims that Freud traced female sexuality on the male model. A young girl, Beauvoir argues, will not be aware of her "absence" of a penis as a lacuna or an inferiority trait, or cannot see castration as a punishment. Young girls can ignore male anatomy for a long time.

Frustrations will only set in when her situation will show her that male gonads are valorised through socialization.

Beauvoir accuses Freud of perpetuating old myths by postulating that a woman's sexual pleasure is derived from her symbolic "castration" of a male during copulation. In sum, she explains that the sexual dimension cannot solely account for human behaviour. She says that males have other imperatives than their libido. Since the publication of the *Second Sex*, contestation of Freudian theses has become one of the most relevant aspects of feminism.

Beauvoir refuses to share the Marxist view claiming the existence of a matriarchal society to have preceded patriarchal domination. According to Beauvoir, sexual discrimination has existed since the dawn of man. In 1949, she only had Lévy-Strauss' thesis, *Elementary Structures of Parenthood* to oppose the articulations of

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Bebel and Bachofen. Levy-Stauss demonstrated that the fate of primitive women is ruled by laws of exchanges and the interplay of prohibitions.

Today, this question is most controversial. The majority of anthropologists now rally to the "absence of a matriarchy" concept. G.P. Murdoch showed, a few years ago, through a sampling of 250 primitive societies that prohibition and various societal interplays often favour the males.

Balantier said that because of male efforts to socialize sexuality on their terms, women become "objects of matrimonial exchange and not partners in that exchange." Most American feminists adopt Beauvoir's thesis: Millet, Firestone etc. However, Evelyn Reed has recently adopted the view of Marxist anthropologists.

Beauvoir accuses the bourgeoisie of having maintained and accentuated the oppression of women, but she always said that this class was not responsible for this oppression, thus drawing her away from Dialectical Materialism. She refutes Engels' conclusions in the *Origins of the Family, Private Property and the State* or those of Bebel in *Women and Socialism*. These authors confuse class antagonisms and sexual antagonism. For Beauvoir and Bebel private property is responsible for conflicts between men and women.

Beauvoir says "the dependence of women did not one day materialize." She denied there ever were free women which were later oppressed through the arrival of new societal structures.

Males have dominated women since the dawn of time. And this, for Beauvoir, is the qualitative difference in women's struggles. She notes that whereas proletarians can change classes, women cannot change their sex. Furthermore the oppression women suffered through history did not create

any solidarity between them whereas solidarity played a great role in the emancipation of proletariat. Women, Beauvoir concludes, do not make up a class but a caste.

The *Second Sex* was condemned by French Marxists upon its inception, despite Beauvoir's close contacts with the then united communist movement. She said that Soviet-style socialism has dismally failed to equalize women and men. After the book's publication, Beauvoir remained convinced of this following her trips to China and Cuba.

"If the *Second Sex* has bewitched a generation, it is because of its passion, aggressiveness but also its pain," wrote Genari in 1969. The book exposed many women to feminism, and in the US, where it sold over a million copies, it was used as a cornerstone for the main theoreticians of US-type "Women's Lib". In France despite a good sales record, linked to the scandal created by the book upon its publication, its influence was rather belated.

The *Second Sex* is still extremely relevant to our contemporary context and can still bring forth elements of a solid reflection grounded on facts and scientific references.

Beauvoir, through her life work and observations of current feminist struggles, effectively followed abstractions set forth in the *Second Sex* and has arrived at the difficult synthesis of deep analysis coupled with dynamic action.

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Winter camping trip to the Adirondacks this weekend. Call Derek for info: 284-8134.

### McGill Outing Club:

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### McGill Psychology Students' Ass'n:

There will be an MPSA meeting today at 5 pm in Stewart Rm N7/11. All students are reminded that nominations are now open for the positions of president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. For more info stop into our office (Rm N7/11) or call 849-1797.

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### Radio McGill Elections:

For those who are unable to attend tomorrow's election, today is the last day to hand in your absentee ballots. It is of the utmost importance that you vote, so see to it that you do. Check at Radio for exact place and time of election, as well as absentee ballot procedure.

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## ELECTIONS

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Candidates must submit nominations, pensketches (up to 50 words) and a 2x2 photograph no later than 4 pm Thursday March 9th to the ASUS mailbox in the Students' Society office.

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# Stuart, Jackson strike CIAU gold

by Richard C. Jablonski

Fourteen McGill swimmers enjoyed a successful three days in Toronto this past weekend, competing in the CW-CIAU National Swimming and Diving Championships. McGill's men wrapped up their season ranked seventh in Canada while their female counterparts placed tenth in the nation.

Waterloo took the national men's team championship, finding particular strength in the diving segment of the competition. Acadia, under the coaching of Jack Schocz, was the repeat champion in the women's category.

In a tournament full of bright spots for McGill, the performances of Marlon Stuart and Lester Jackson were of particular note. Stuart, in her final collegiate competition, placed first and broke CWIAU records in both the 100 and 200 metre breaststroke events, turning in times of 1:14.51 and 2:42.24 respectively.

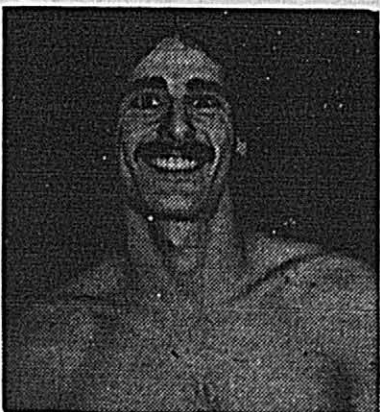
Jackson proved to be one of the premiere collegiate butterflyers in Canada with his first

record for 50 metres, finishing in 24.19. The time translates into 21.79 over 50 yards, bettering Kasting's mark by .01. The record tops off Ducharme's successful career at McGill.

Men's team coach Harry Zarins expressed satisfaction with McGill's showing. "Both Vango (women's coach Vango Smith) and I were pleased with the team's performance," said Zarins. "Everyone did their best times of the year and improved over last year's championship meet."

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Phil Wilson

and fourth place finishes in the 100 and 200 metre fly events. In the former, Jackson barely out-touched three other swimmers to cop the gold medal in a time of 59.24. His 2:08.3 time in the latter shaved a full three seconds off of the previous team record.

Among the other strong finishers, the performances of Richard Hermes stands out. Hermes, with only seven weeks of training under his belt, placed fifth overall in the 200 metre IM, touching at 2:13.61, a full five seconds faster than an earlier clocking at Laval.

Martine Baudot placed fourth in the 800 metre freestyle and sixteenth in the 200 metre event.

The 400 metre Medley Relay team of Stuart, Anne Cooke, Denise Latreille and Lois Moralejo also turned in a fourth place finish, doing the job in 4:45.93.

It was also a big meet for freestyler Jim Ducharme. Ducharme barely missed the consolation finals in the 100 metre event, swimming a personal best of 54.49. Later in the meet, he broke Bob Kasting's McGill

record for 50 metres, finishing in 24.19. The time translates into 21.79 over 50 yards, bettering Kasting's mark by .01. The record tops off Ducharme's successful career at McGill.

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Since becoming McGill's Director of Athletics over a year ago, Bob Dubeau has aggressively pursued the goal of upgrading the Department of Athletics. Forthwith are some of Dubeau's comments with regard to women's athletics at McGill and across Canada, as made in response to questions posed by Daily Sports Editor Richard Jablonski.

# Daily Sports

## Women's badminton team takes QUAA title

The McGill Women's badminton team won the collegiate provincial championship at this past weekend's QUAA meet hosted by the Université du Québec à Rimouski. McGill's men's team was not so fortunate, managing a fifth place finish in a six team field.

Helen Binns led the McGill women to the title, winning the singles championship. Ranked in the top three in Quebec and hopeful of a slot on Canada's team for the Commonwealth Games, Binns defeated Guy-

laine Feuiltaut of Rimouski 11-5 and 11-1 in the finals. Despite the apparently lopsided score, Feuiltaut was the only one of Binns' opponents who provided any real competition for the champion.

Other members of the McGill women's team are singles players Debbie Haydock and Suzette Sasouni and the doubles teams of Rosette Sasouni and Andree Desrosiers and Barbara Gard and Cathie Tyhurst. The team is coached by Alan Sklar and Paul Senecal.

Final standings in the four team women's field reveal that McGill, with 17 points, easily outdistanced second place Trois Rivières, which accumulated 10 points. Rimouski and Chicoutimi, with 6 and 5 points, placed third and fourth respectively.

The men's picture was far less encouraging. Trois Rivières, Concordia, Rimouski and Chicoutimi all finished ahead of McGill, with only Bishop's trailing the Red and White contingent.

### Daily Sports interview:

## AD works on women's sports

Daily: All right. Getting into some more specific things with regard to the women's program at McGill, it's my impression that within the past year, since you have become Director of Athletics, a few changes have taken place to improve the women's program at McGill, things such as better equipment and improved practice times. Would you care to elaborate on this?

Dubeau: Yes. I think that we have gone forward to quite a large extent in trying to make the women's program as good as we possibly can. Some of the things we've done to improve the intercollegiate program are the following.

The women's hockey team used to have godawful times for practice in the morning. We've been able to switch the rink schedule around so that women have a prime practice time, late in the afternoon or

early in the evening. It's worked out very well.

In basketball, since last year, the women's basketball team and the men's basketball team tend to play doubleheaders not only at home, but away as well. We've had the men's team and the women's team traveling together in the same bus. It's created some very good feeling between the coaches and the players, some camaraderie.

Women's basketball practice times have always been at prime time in the early evening right after classes.

In field hockey, we've given the women's field hockey team some prime time for practice in Molson Stadium. They seem to be quite happy with the number of hours that they have and the times that they have. Our schedule for the women's field hockey team is quite extensive, including games in the Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Association.

ciation.

One of the major changes we've made to bring the women's swim team up to the level of the men was to merge the women's team with the men's team. They now practice together in the same pool, at the same time, with the same coaching staff. Harry Zarins (men's swim coach) has tried to schedule as many co-ed meets as possible.

Daily: Speaking of scheduling, would you say that it's a real problem finding opposition for our women's teams in the Province of Quebec? If so, is there anything that McGill is doing to encourage other universities to field women's teams in various sports?

Dubeau: The problem with finding intercollegiate competition within the Province of Quebec is bad for the men. If it's bad for the men, it's triply bad for the women. At least the men can compete against four or five other schools in the province on a fairly equal basis.

As far as the women are concerned, the women's programs at the other schools are not very strong. They seem to be placing the emphasis on getting people out to participate and are not spending very much time or money in developing their intercollegiate program.

Without having more Quebec university women's teams competing in the QUAA, I can't see how McGill can develop its women's program to the level that we would like. We could participate in Ontario, but it's financially impossible.

Daily: Let's get to finances and the big question in the mind of women athletes at McGill. Are



McGill's Director of Athletics Bob Dubeau

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# Women's sports...

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women's athletics given equal funding and emphasis at this university?

**Dubeau:** We fund our programs according to the type of competition we can get locally. What I mean by locally is within the Province of Quebec. If there is a good league, in whatever sport, we will participate and we will fund that program every bit as well as the men's program. But unfortunately, if you look at the bottom line of money spent on men's teams and women's teams, the men's is much much higher, because the men participate in so many more competitions.

There is no QUAA women's volleyball league. There is no QUAA women's ice hockey league. There is no QUAA women's field hockey league. As I mentioned before, we participate in Ontario. There is no QUAA women's swimming. It's a very difficult problem, and I don't know what we can do about it.

We've tried, through the QUAA, to get some schools to start women's programs. The reason why they have been unable to come up with a viable women's program at other schools is unknown to me. I really don't know. It's one of the basic problems that the QUAA has at the present time. **Dally:** Then I can assume that if a women's team was to play a schedule similar to that of a men's team, it would receive similar funding. Can I assume that the women's basketball team, which plays in the QUAA, receives funding similar to that of the men's basketball team, which also plays in the QUAA?

**Dubeau:** The funding is the same. The girls travel in the bus with the men. The meal money allotted to the men is exactly the same as the meal money allotted to the women. The uniforms that are given and the medical supplies that are made available to the men's team and the women's are the same. The funding for a sport like basketball, because it's really the only sport where you can equate the men's and women's teams since they're both in the QUAA, is similar.

**Dally:** Staying on the subject of funding, in the States, on the NCAA level, there has been a move to equalize the financing of men's and women's sports. What I mean by this is that, if a university gives X number of scholarships to male student athletes then it must give X number of scholarships to female student athletes. Would you support a move like that within the CIAU (Canadian Intercollegiate Athletics Union)?

**Dubeau:** That's a very difficult question to answer, because, as I mentioned in the previous answer, we don't have equal programs for men and women because of the varying levels of participation.

For us to have an equal men's and women's program

insofar as calibre of teams and calibre of competition is concerned, it would cost us three times as much money to field a men's team as a women's team. It would be impossible to have equal funding. We could have equal funding in Quebec, but we wouldn't know what to do with the money because we wouldn't have anyone to compete against. For the women's team to face the same competition as the men's team, it would have to travel to Ontario, which would cost two or three times as much. It's just impossible.

With regard to the NCAA's scholarship problem, everyone knows that the CIAU doesn't believe in athletic scholarships, so that is not one of our problems.

I really don't know what's going to happen with the women's intercollegiate program at McGill or in the Province of Quebec. Until other schools start playing, there's really not that much that we can do to improve our program. **Dally:** As a partial solution to that problem, wouldn't it be possible to invite opposition from outside of the province to McGill? For instance, there's a Redmen Invitational basketball tournament in the fall. Could there not also be a women's tournament as well?

**Dubeau:** That is definitely one of the ways by which we can make a women's program a little bit better, by having more home tournaments. But, home tournaments, even including the Redmen basketball classic, cost money. Either you have to guarantee the visiting teams a certain number of dollars, or you have to agree to play in a tournament at their school the following year or two years later at your expense.

Until we can develop our competition to the point where people are clamoring to get in, or at least to the point where it is partially self-sustaining, it's going to be difficult.

**Dally:** Let's get away from actual competition and talk about recruitment. It's my impression that during the past few years, McGill's recruiting tactics have changed somewhat. Whereas McGill was once somewhat passive in the recruitment of student athletes, it now seems to be taking a more active role in soliciting athletes for our programs, at

least in the men's activities. Does this hold true for the women as well?

**Dubeau:** Yes, we have put a lot more emphasis on recruiting. Let's be honest. Unless you recruit, you will not have winning teams. Everyone recruits.

Recruiting costs a little bit of money. It costs money just to send out letters. At this time of the year, we send out four or five hundred letters a week encouraging people to come to McGill.

Our budgets for recruiting are very very small. The Martlet Foundation makes a limited amount of money available to coaches for them to travel to various competitions, high schools and parts of the country to speak to players.

Again, the amount of money is quite small. It's also available for women. Unfortunately, our women's recruiting program is weak. There's no doubt about it. We're going to have to get our women's coaches to do more recruiting, become more active. The other schools are going to do so, and it's quite easy to talk a youngster into going to your school.

We're going to have to do a lot of work, especially within the Province of Quebec, if we want to stay competitive in basketball, field hockey and swimming. You just can't wait until the first of September to see who's on your campus.

**Dally:** Getting away from intercollegiate sports, which we've really been spending too much time on, considering the fact that far more of McGill's students participate on a recreational or intramural level, is more money spent on men's intramurals at McGill, and why?

**Dubeau:** One of the other major changes we've made within the past year is to merge the men's and women's intramural departments into one. There is just one intramural budget.

If you look at the amount of dollars spent on the men's intramurals as opposed to the women's, you will see that more money is spent on the men than on the women, but that's because more men want to become involved in a competitive intramural program.

The opposite is true if you look at the instructional program. Of the 4000 people who

participate in the instructional program, 75% are women. This means to me that the women like to get into activity programs where they can learn something, whereas the men prefer something competitive. The women prefer to do their own thing.

**Dally:** Are you actively involved in seeing to it that more women at McGill become interested in one activity or another sponsored by the Department of Athletics?

**Dubeau:** I don't really know how to answer that: am I actively involved?

**Dally:** Well, let me put it this way. Is it high on your list of priorities?

**Dubeau:** The goal of the department is to try to have something for everyone. I'm very very happy as long as someone participates. If a young woman chooses to get involved in an instructional program, that's fine.

Look, I'd like to see more women get involved on a competitive level, but the fault is not all ours. The high school and CEGEP programs will have to get stronger before our program can get stronger.

We will have to do more work in this area. I've spoken to a number of athletic directors in high schools and CEGEPs in the area, trying to get them to put more emphasis on the women's program. Until that happens, it's going to be a little bit difficult for us to have a good program.

**Dally:** Hypothetically. Do you foresee a day when women will be allowed to compete on the same field, rink or floor with men?

**Dubeau:** In some sports it's definitely possible. I'm thinking of the non-contact sports. I think it may be possible in swimming, maybe volleyball. I cannot see it happening in

contact sports. For instance, I don't think it could happen in football.

**Dally:** Well, from what I've seen, there are some women who are every bit as fast as a wide receiver on the Redmen, and if a kid can catch a football, why not?

**Dubeau:** You might talk about one person, but I think that physiology will show you or prove to you that men are a little bit stronger. There is no way, in my mind at least, that women are going to be able to compete equally against men.

**Dally:** We're still not getting to the heart of the issue, which is: suppose there was a woman, physically capable of competing with men, who tried out for Redmen football and was cut on the basis of her sex. What would you do?

**Dubeau:** The first thing I would do is run to the rulebook, and see that there is nothing against women competing in men's sports. If the coaches felt that a woman was capable of competing with the men, I'd have a heck of a tough time telling this person that she could not play.

I'm glad that this situation has not come up, but if it did, I'd probably be forced to take a decision in favour of the woman.

**Dally:** What do you see as the future of women's athletics at McGill, and nationwide?

**Dubeau:** I'd like to think that the future of the women's intercollegiate program is very good. We are having some very serious financial problems, and the first area that is going to be hit is intercollegiate sports. Unless we can find some extra money, we will not be able to develop the women's program the way we want to.

I would surely be very happy if one of these days we could have a national championship from a women's team.

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